

Regional BLM Administrator Favors 50-50 Split in Net Forest Income for Counties

Bills now before Congress, providing for the sharing of income and administrative costs of O and C lands in western Oregon, would mean maximum income and production from these lands, according to Rostoe Bell, regional administrator of the Bureau of Land Management. He spoke here Tuesday before the Medford Rotary club.

In a luncheon address at the Jackson hotel, Bell said that annual returns from O and C lands can reach the \$7,000,000 mark if the formula for distribution of income and costs can be realized. Under the present law, counties receive 75 per cent of the income.

Impetus Said Needed

Only under a plan for a 50-50 split of net revenues can there

be a real impetus for much needed full scale production, for under the present plan, with an "unreasonably high share" going to counties, the incentive from the federal treasury is lacking, according to Bell. Immediate attention should be given to the timber salvage problem so that timber fallen from wind and fire may be converted into lumber, thus eliminating a fire hazard in the woods and source of increasing troubles from pests, he said.

The Bureau of Land Management which, he said, operates the "largest real estate business in the U.S.," does make its management of forest lands in western Oregon pay. A return of \$4.50 for every \$1 spent has been realized. One hundred seventy million acres of land in western states and 300,000,000 acres in Alaska come under the supervision of the bureau.

Areas Re-Seeded

More than 70,000 acres of grazing land in Oregon and southern Washington were re-seeded last year, Bell told Rotarians, and on this acreage basis the bureau has a 50 year program, rehabilitating useable grazing areas. Mineral resources, including gas and petroleum, are also developed under the Bureau of Land Management's direction.

The need for development of phosphate mining in the west was stressed. Sixty per cent of the nation's known supply lies in eastern Idaho and, with shortages of electric power for processing, the sulphuric acid method is under consideration for large scale development. The fertilizer industry has a bright future, and the stage is set for a real western industry, Bell said. At the present time the phosphate content of soil in the west is being depleted at a faster rate than it is being replenished.

E. K. Peterson, district forester for the Bureau of Land Management here, introduced the speaker. Advisory board members from this area were guests.

The Grange

Sams Valley Grange

Sams Valley Grange will meet March 1. Conger-Morris will show some interesting pictures.

Eagle Point Grange

There will be a square dance at Eagle Point Grange hall Saturday, March 1, at 8:30 p. m. All Grangers and their friends are cordially invited. The ladies are asked to bring sandwiches.

Next regular meeting of Eagle Point Grange will be March 4. Lecture hour will be presented first as the 4H club will be in charge. It will open at 8 p. m.

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Lawyer Organizes Group To Fight Back at Commies

Huntington, W. Va. — (U.P.)

An anti-Communist organization known as the Society of Red Haters has sprung up in Huntington and may reach national proportions if its founder, Thomas E. Foley, has his way. Foley, a Huntington attorney and veteran of World War I, said he organized the society to fight back at "Communist traitors" because he has been fed up with and frightened by prospects of Communism in this country for 30 years.

The society is designed to be on the same pattern as the Communist party in this country, in small, closely knit groups coordinated by a centralized body. The idea of SRH has long been a dream of Foley but the attorney said it was only in the last few years that he has been able to get others interested in the possibilities of such an organization.

Sees Gain for Cause

"I decided that Russia declared war on the United States more than 30 years ago and I have been fighting the Bolshevik threat in my limited way over that period," Foley said.

"It was only within the last few years that my side began to gain when some brave leaders began kicking the Kremlin in the teeth and responsible officials began revealing the deadly truth in an alarming manner."

He said the danger of Communism has been dramatized until the formerly indifferent citizen can visualize now the "evil day" when lend-lease to Russia will come back in the form of bombs

and germ warfare.

It will be too late to stamp out internal treason then, Foley said, and it is the object of the Society of Red Haters to accomplish that job in the little time that remains.

For United Action

He said that because of the profound change in the outlook of his fellow Americans, he decided that while the individual is helpless, a million hard core anti-Communists united for action could save this republic and the civilized world.

Foley has received hundreds of letters from all over the United States and four foreign countries asking how the writers could help in the organization.

The main purpose of the society, Foley said, is to educate the public to recognize Communist propaganda and rebel against it.

"If patriotic people are alerted to Red-slanted commentators, producers, sponsors, stations, publications, speakers, teachers and book publishing houses, the propaganda brains of the Communist conspirators can be knocked out and its financial back broken by their protests," he said.

Material Assembled

The society is assembling material based on official reports about Communist activity in America and intends to conduct investigations to teach Americans what Communism is and guide them in united action against it.

Foley said state directors are being chosen and organizational plans and membership applications are at the printer's. The society hopes to hold large rallies in New York and Los Angeles within the next few months.

Keith Newman, another Huntington attorney, is setting up a panel of lawyers to assist in the defense of persons who may become victims of Red-concocted intimidation suits.

Part of the society's educational program calls for contests among students. It will offer prizes for the best essays on "Seeds of Treason," "Men Without Faces" and similar books that expose Communist treason.

Foley is a graduate of Columbia university and the National Law school, Washington, D. C.

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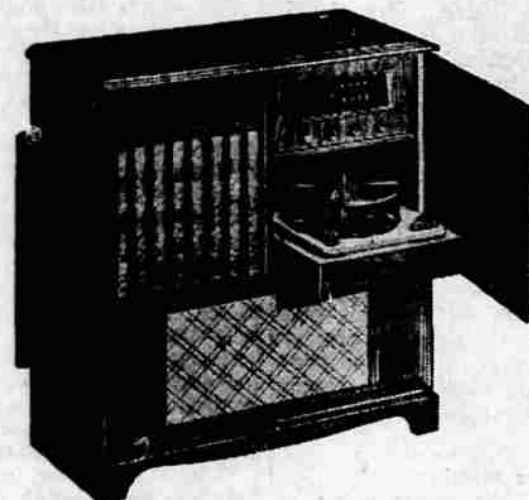
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